fee can be imposed on the violator. The Committee has not made any specific recommendation regarding allowing/regularising additional dwelling unit on residential plots.

The Government has examined the recommendations of the Committee in consultation with local bodies and Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and has decided to undertake modification of the development control norms in respect of plotted residential development by amendment to the Master Plan for Delhi (MPD) 2001, since the proposed MPD 2021 is only at the draft stage.

Accordingly, as per the statutory procedure DDA has issued a public notice on 21.7.2006 with the approval of Government, under section 11A of Delhi Development Act, 1957 calling for suggestions and objections from the public within a period of 30 days to the proposed modifications in the Master Plan for Delhi 2001.

It may be mentioned that all amendments carried out in the MPD 2001 till the date of final notification of MPD 2021 will automatically get incorporated in the final MPD 2021.

Independent news channel

*178. SHRI RAJEEVSHUKLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to promote a independent international-news channel based out of India to counter the bias of existing international news channels;

(b) if so, the details of the plan and the action taken in this regard; and

(c) the details of the steps being planned to ensrue autonomy and independence of the news channels to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) Government is exploring various options of projecting India's economic, social and cultural development to the rest of the world, including the feasibility of an International Television Channel. Since the deliberations are in a nascent stage, no action plan or time-frame can be indicated.

Opening of Nathu-La Pass

*179. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: